House Resolution No. 997

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, Logan Ballard is the proud recipient of the President's Choice Award in the Middle School/Junior High Division for Youth Art Month sponsored by the Missouri Art Education Association; and

Whereas, Youth Art Month is celebrated every year during the month of March with a student exhibit in the Capitol Rotunda, and each member teacher sends in up to four pieces for this exhibit, and artwork that reaches the state rotunda is an honor in itself, and in addition, there are five other awards including the Governor's Choice Award and one for each division, lower elementary, upper elementary, middle school and high school; and

Whereas, the Missouri Art Education Association's mission is based on the belief that all people have abilities and needs for creating and understanding art, and the Missouri Art Education Association is to advocate quality visual arts education by supporting creative teaching, providing opportunities for professional development and encouraging the study and implementation of best practices in our discipline; and

Whereas, the Missouri Art Education Association will accomplish this by promoting lifelong visual arts education at all levels: early childhood, K-12, higher education, museum education, and adult/community programs; providing art teachers opportunities for receiving collegial support and networking; providing membership with knowledge of an access to resources which support art education; working toward alignment of community, state and national art education initiatives; encouraging the aesthetics inherent in the making of art; collaborating with all members of the learning organization; and promoting public awareness of the knowledge, skills, and emotive aspects that are components of quality visual arts education; and

Whereas, Logan Ballard is the son of James and Wanda Ballard and an eighth-grader at Knob Noster Middle School:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, extend our congratulations to Logan Ballard on the auspicious occasion of his winning the President's Choice Award for the Middle School/Junior High Division of Youth Art Month sponsored by the Missouri Art Education Association; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Logan Ballard.

Offered by _	
	Representative David Pearce
	District No. 121
I. Rod Jetton.	Speaker of the House of Representatives,

Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 997, adopted March 5, 2007.